

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 229A.15B, the Department of Human Services adopts new Chapter 31, "Civil Commitment Unit," Iowa Administrative Code.

Pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 229A, the Sexually Violent Predator Act, the Department has established a civil commitment unit for sexual offenders which is housed on the campus of the Cherokee Mental Health Institute. Chapter 31 sets policies for this facility regarding visits, grievances, photographing and recording of individuals committed to the facility, release of information, communications with individuals committed to the facility, use of the buildings and grounds, gifts and bequests to the facility, and recovery of the cost of an individual's care from the individual or a responsible party.

Notice of Intended Action on these rules was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 4, 2011, as **ARC 9481B**. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. These rules are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted these rules on July 13, 2011.

These rules allow the facility administrator to waive requirements for approval of visitors when an individual is hospitalized. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 229A.

These rules shall become effective on October 1, 2011.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these rules [Ch 31] is being omitted. These rules are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 9481B**, IAB 5/4/11.

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